



Welcome to our governance news update

With SATS week just finished and GCSEs and A levels beginning we hope the exam season goes well in your schools.

A quieter week for updates so we have included a couple of reminders of things to be considering for the new academic year.

As always, please do get in touch if you have any queries. We love to hear from you.

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National Updates

Curriculum and Assessment Review: interim report

In July 2024, the government commissioned Professor Becky Francis CBE to convene and chair a panel of experts to conduct the Curriculum and Assessment Review

The interim report explores the views given by these groups, including those given in the [call for evidence](#) and sets out the review's initial findings and next steps

[Curriculum and Assessment Review: interim report - GOV.UK](#)

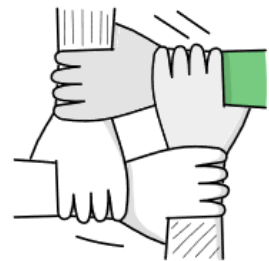


Children and young people's mental health

- Transforming children and young people's mental health provision

A summary of the delivery of commitments in the transforming children and young people's mental health provision green paper.

[Transforming children and young people's mental health provision - GOV.UK](#)



- Almost million more pupils get access to mental health support

School mental health support rollout to reach up to 900,000 more pupils this year, covering six in ten children across the country.

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Education Secretary's primary education live event

Join the Secretary of State for Education for a live online event for those working with and in primary schools on **Tuesday 3 June at 16:00**.

The session will be a chance to hear about the Secretary of State's plans for the future of primary education and how she will work with you to deliver the government's reforms.

[Book here](#)



Oxfordshire Updates

Traded Services Buyback

A reminder that our range of traded service subscriptions for the next academic year is now available to sign up to. This includes **GovernorHub**, the **Clerking Service**, **Governor and Clerks' training programmes**.

We are also for the second year offering **National Governance Association (NGA) membership** at reduced cost. We value the resources and advice given by the NGA and highly recommend schools become members.

All subscriptions can be found in the store at [Education Services](#).



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Sustainability and Climate Action Plans - reminder

A reminder that by **September 2025**, schools are expected to have dedicated sustainability leads and a Climate Action Plan. This includes nominating a sustainability lead and developing a climate action plan.



Eco schools has created a free tool to create a benchmark for schools to start from: [Home - Count Your Carbon](#)

The NGA has shared resources which are designed to help schools and trusts to develop their climate action plans:

[Sustainability Support for Education](#)

[Climate Ambassadors: Turning Climate Ambition into Climate Action in Education | Climate Ambassadors](#)

[Home | Education Nature Park](#)

Schools are also encouraged to sign up to the Let's Go Zero commitment:



What is the governance role in this?

- To encourage a whole school approach
- Take a leadership role
- Support but not to overburden/overload
- Raise awareness

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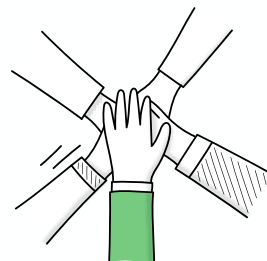
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Governor Services Training

Governor Services training programme

Our summer term training programme is well underway.

Full details for the courses available can be found [here](#) and sessions can be booked on [GovernorHub](#) or by emailing governortraining@oxfordshire.gov.uk



Please note the charging structure for training towards the end of this newsletter

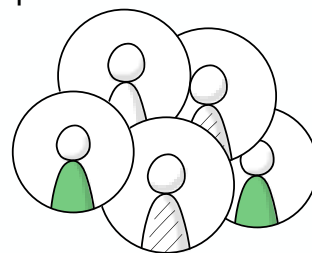
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Summer term briefing

Our last governor briefing of the year takes place on 26th June 2025. This is **free to attend** whether your board subscribes to our training package or not.

As usual, we will have a mix of speakers and a few updates from the Governor Services team

Please do sign up [here](#)



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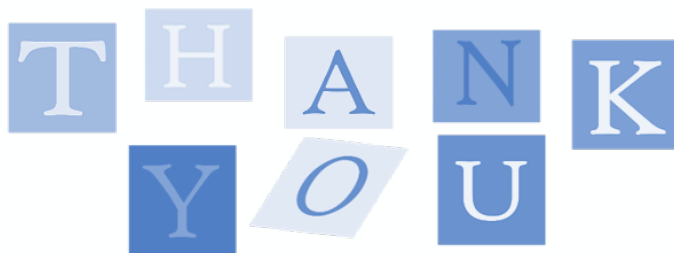
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Charging for training

Please check if your board has subscribed to the Governor Services training package before booking.

Governors at schools that subscribe can register for as much training as you like at no additional cost.

For governors at schools that do not currently subscribe, there is a charge to attend, and schools will be invoiced after the event. Please see the [Pay as You Go rates](#). Any free briefings or events are clearly indicated.



...for everything you do for children in Oxfordshire

Our next newsletter will be published on Friday 6th June 2025.

With very best wishes

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